

MONAGHAN, &c. ASSIZES.

RETURN of PERSONS for TRIAL at last Spring Assizes in the Counties of *Monaghan, Armagh, Antrim and Down*, and how disposed of:—Also, of the Times appointed for opening the Commission in those several Counties, and of the Times when the Criminal Business was actually commenced and proceeded upon in each:—Also, of the Hour of the Day at which the Business actually commenced in the Crown Court, and the Hour at which that Court was adjourned on each Day of Business during said Assizes:—Also, whether any and what Person or Persons was or were put upon Trial, for any and what Offence respectively, at *Armagh* during said Assizes, at any and what Hour respectively between Six in the Evening and Six in the Morning, and whether any Person was fined, or called upon a Fine for Non-attendance as a Juror between said Hours.

COUNTY OF MONAGHAN.

RETURN of PERSONS for TRIAL at last Spring Assizes, held in and for said County, and how disposed of.

PERSONS for TRIAL	- - -	171	NUMBER CONVICTED	- - -	36
Convicted	- - -	36	Death Recorded	- - -	3
Acquitted	- - -	49	Transportation for Seven Years	- - -	9
No Bill	- - -	19	Imprisonment for One Year	- - -	1
No Prosecution	- - -	21	Ditto for Nine Months, and	- - -	1
Trials postponed on applica- tion of the Crown	- - -	26	fined Five Pounds	- - -	
Ditto on application of Prisoners	- - -	7	Ditto Six Months and under	- - -	15
Ditto Jury disagreeing (one case)	- - -	10	To pay a Fine to the King	- - -	4
Transmitted to another County	- - -	1	TOTAL	- - -	36
Sent to Sessions	- - -	2			
TOTAL	- - -	171			

The Commission for this County was opened on Saturday, the second day of March One thousand eight hundred and Thirty-three, at Twelve o'clock at Noon (the day and hour appointed for that purpose) by the Lord Chief Justice; and after the swearing of the Grand Jury, the Court immediately proceeded on the Criminal business, and continued to sit till Five o'clock in the Evening, when the Court adjourned till Monday Morning, at Ten o'clock: the Court accordingly sat at that hour, and continued sitting till Six o'clock in the Evening, and so continued to sit, and adjourn about the same hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; and on Saturday the Court sat at Ten o'clock in the Morning, and continued to sit till about Two o'clock in the Afternoon, when the Assizes having terminated, the Lord Chief Justice left Town for Armagh. The Honourable Baron Sir William Cusack Smith, who presided in the Civil Court, having on Wednesday, the fourth day of the Assizes, taken the Bench some time before, and disposed of some Civil business, commenced Criminal business about Twelve o'clock at Noon on that day, and the last Trial before him on that day terminated at Seven o'clock in the Evening, about 16 or 17 Prisoners being tried; the Jury retired to consider their Verdict in one case, and in a short time after, the Court adjourned during pleasure, for the accommodation of the Jury: the Court resumed about Eleven o'clock that Night, in order to receive the Verdict of the Jury, in case they agreed; but they not having agreed to a Verdict, the Court adjourned till the following Morning at Ten o'clock, at which hour the Court sat, and the Jury, which had remained in their Jury-room during the night, were called into Court, and they not having agreed in a Verdict, were sent back to their Jury-room. Baron Smith then commenced taking the Grand Jury Presentments, and having finished that business, left town for Armagh, leaving the said Jury to be disposed of by the Lord Chief Justice, which Jury his Lordship discharged the same day. I take the liberty of stating, that it is not the practice, nor did I take any note or memorandum in writing of the Hours of commencing or terminating Business during the Assizes, and therefore the foregoing detail is from memory only.

Thomas D. Borne,
Clerk of the Crown for said County.

COUNTY OF ARMAGH.

RETURN of the PERSONS for TRIAL at last Spring Assizes for this County, and how disposed of.

FOR TRIAL - - - - -	91	CONVICTED - - - - -	25
Convicted - - - - -	25	Judgment of Death recorded -	1
Acquitted - - - - -	42	Transportation for 7 Years -	1
No Bills - - - - -	14	Imprisonment for 12 Months } 16	
No Prosecution - - - - -	1	and upwards - - - - -	
Prosecutions abandoned -	2	Imprisonment for 6 Months -	7
Trials postponed - - - - -	3		
Jury did not agree - - - -	4		
TOTAL - - - - -	91	TOTAL - - - - -	25

These are exclusive of Cases appearing on the Crown Book, where the Parties were not amenable, and of Traverses to Road Presentments.

RETURN of the actual COMMENCEMENT of BUSINESS, each Day of the Assizes, in the Crown Court, and the Hour at which that Court adjourned.

	Commencement.	Adjournment.
Thursday 7th March - - -	3 o'clock P. M.	7 o'clock P. M.
Friday 8th March - - -	Half-after 11 A. M.	Ditto.
Saturday 9th March - - -	Ditto - - -	$\frac{1}{2}$ before 12 at Night.
Monday 11th March - - -	Ditto - - -	6 o'clock next Morning.
Tuesday 12th March - - -	Ditto - - -	7 o'clock P. M.

The time originally appointed for opening the Commission in this County was Ten o'clock on Thursday Morning, 7th March, but was afterwards changed by a Letter from the Judge, written at Monaghan to the High Sheriff, stating that he could not attend until Three o'clock, in consequence of a press of Criminal business at the latter Town, which might make it necessary for him to assist the Chief Justice therein.

The following Persons were, as I best recollect, put upon trial for the offences opposite their names, at said Assizes, between Six in the Evening and Six in the Morning.

Prisoners' Names.	Offences.	Verdict.
1. James Ryan - - - - -	Perjury - - -	Jury did not agree.
2. Thomas and Mary Carroll - - -	Larceny - - -	Not Guilty.
3. William Baxter - - - - -	Rape - - -	Ditto.
4. Henry McKean and others - - -	Assault - - -	Ditto.
5. Samuel Neilson and John O'Donnell -	Receiving Stolen Goods -	Ditto.
6. Anthony McMechan - - - - -	Rape - - -	Ditto.
7. Alexander and Ellen Denwoody -	Receiving Stolen Goods -	Guilty.
8. James Delap - - - - -	Cattle stealing - - -	Ditto.
9. Mary Ramsey - - - - -	Larceny - - -	Ditto.
10. Andrew Galligan and Anne Townley -	Ditto - - -	Ditto.
11. Andrew Gartian - - - - -	Ditto - - -	Not Guilty.
12. Edward Devlin - - - - -	Ditto - - -	Ditto.
13. Margaret Harrison & John Somerville -	Setting fire to Turf Stack -	Ditto.
14. Jane Dawson - - - - -	Larceny - - -	Guilty.

No Person was fined during said Assizes, or called upon a Fine for Non-attendance as a Juror between Six o'clock in the Evening and Six in the Morning. One Person in Court, between said hours, not answering his name when called, was pointed out by the Sheriff, upon which he insisted that he was not bound to answer, not having been previously summoned. The Judge threatened to fine him for the contempt, but did not do so, nor was any Fine inflicted or extorted during said Assizes.

I beg respectfully to submit, that it is not the practice, nor have I ever made any note of the Time when any Trial commenced or ended; and in consequence, the foregoing Return as to hours is made from recollection. From the unusual and unexpected press of business at the Assizes, there may be some inaccuracies on the points depending on memory, but to the best of my recollection and belief they are correct.

All which I certify,

10 June 1835.

Leonard Dobbin, Jun., Clerk of the Crown.

COUNTY OF ANTRIM.

RETURN of PERSONS for TRIAL at the last Spring Assizes held in and for said County, and how disposed of.

PERSONS for TRIAL - - -	108	PERSONS CONVICTED - - -	53
Convicted - - -	53	Death (recorded) - - -	6
Acquitted - - -	16	Transportation for Life - -	5
No Bill - - -	9	Ditto - - for 7 Years - -	12
No Prosecution - - -	12	Imprisonment for 12 Months -	5
Trial postponed by Consent -	16	Ditto - - for 6 and under -	25
Ditto - - Jury disagreeing -	1		
Transmitted to another } -	1		
County for Trial - - -			
TOTAL - - -	108	TOTAL - - -	53

The Time appointed for opening the Commission in this County was Ten o'clock in the Forenoon of Tuesday the 12th of March last, shortly after which hour the Commission was read, and the Criminal business actually commenced, and was proceeded with; and during the holding of the Assizes, which continued until the Evening of Monday the 18th, the business on each day (with one exception, not exceeding three quarters of an hour, and arising from the indisposition of the Lord Chief Justice) commenced before half-past Ten o'clock in the Morning, and the Court generally adjourned about the hour of Six o'clock in the Evening; on the third day the Court continued sitting until between Eight and Nine o'clock, in order to ascertain the practicability of concluding the Business of the Assizes within the time originally contemplated, and to receive the Verdict of a Jury, which in the course of the day had been charged in a case of Murder.

W. Bourne, Jun., Clerk Crown.

COUNTY OF DOWN.

I HAVE, in a Schedule annexed, set forth the Number of Persons for Trial at the last Spring Assizes for the County of Down, and how disposed of; and with respect to the particular Hours on which the Criminal business was commenced and concluded on each day, I beg leave to state, that the Clerks of the Crown are not in the habit of taking notes or of making entries in the Crown Book of such periods, and therefore the following Return is made according to the best of my recollection.

That the Commission for the County of Down was fixed for Ten o'clock on Monday the 18th day of March last, but was not opened (owing to an unforeseen press of Criminal and Civil business in the County of Antrim) until Tuesday, the 19th day of March, about the hour of Four o'clock in the Afternoon.

That the Assizes lasted until Saturday, the 23d day of March, and that on each day the Crown Court was opened, and the Criminal business commenced between the hours of Eleven and Twelve.

That the Court adjourned on Tuesday about Five o'clock, on Wednesday about Six o'clock, on Thursday about half-past Eight o'clock, on Friday about Seven o'clock, and the Assizes terminated about Six o'clock on Saturday Afternoon.

That on Thursday and Friday, Trials which had been commenced, were unexpectedly prolonged.

That on Friday the Chief Justice, after he had concluded the Civil business, proceeded in the dispatch of Criminal business, and on Saturday assisted in taking the Presentments.

That no Juror was fined or called upon a fine during the said Assizes.

SCHEDULE.

TOTAL of PERSONS for TRIAL - - -	81
Judgment of Death recorded - - -	1
Transported for 7 Years - - -	3
Imprisoned 12 Months - - -	5
Imprisoned 6 Months and under - -	21
	30
Acquitted and discharged - - -	21
No Bill, discharged - - -	7
No Prosecution, discharged - - -	19
Remain over, or bailed - - -	4
	81

C. Macartney, Clerk Crown.

11 June 1853.

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(*Mr. Sergeant Pettit.*)

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